

**REMARKS**


The specification has been amended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 to make reference to the International Application from which this application originates and to incorporate by reference the Japanese priority application.

Claims 7-10 and 13-16 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. The amendment is made in part to reduce filing fees and not for any other reason related to patentability of such claims. Claims 17-24 have been added to restore the subject matter in claims 7-10 and 13-16 that was removed as a result of the amendment. No new matter is added by this amendment.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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